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Gordon M. Thomas - Councilman

In last month's council article, Councilman Bruce Jones noted that the citizens of Cottonwood Heights have come to expect exceptional initiatives that will continue to benefit our city. One of the initiatives he mentioned was Emergency Preparedness. This month's article provides an update on planning for potential emergencies in Cottonwood Heights.

There are six designated emergency planning areas within our city. Each area is divided into five to eight neighborhoods identified as CERT response areas (each of these may be only a couple of streets). These CERT areas are coordinated monthly at a meeting in the city offices. These coordination meetings are attended primarily by volunteers who are responsible for planning and response within their respective areas. Some of these areas are well organized and effective while others are just getting started.

There is also a HAM Operators communication system in our city that we are told is the best in the valley. And, its potential effectiveness will soon be enhanced as the result of a Homeland

EXPECTATIONS

Security Grant we received to develop a mobile communication unit that can be used in emergency situations in the city. It could also be used throughout the county and even the state. This too will be prepared and manned primarily by volunteers. It is quite amazing to me that so many of you are willing to work as volunteers in planning for an eventuality that we hope will never happen. All of these emergency planning efforts and accomplishments are included in the Cottonwood Heights' Emergency Operations Center (EOC), housed at the city offices.

As has been stated before in these council articles, public safety is our top priority. Emergency planning is an integral part of our public safety efforts and this past summer has seen much activity in this aspect of public safety. Our City Manager, Liane Stillman, is the head of emergency preparedness planning in our city. She is fulfilling that responsibility not only as a city employee but also as a volunteer. She has spent countless hours becoming well enough trained that she can interact with the professionals from around the state and nation, and provide the leadership required to head up our emergency preparedness planning efforts. Her preparation has included numerous courses taught by FEMA and NIMS (National Incident Management System). She has also made herself available, as a volunteer, for Emergency Preparedness Fairs held

throughout the city. From attending meetings and having conversations with her, I report the following potpourri of facts for your consideration:

- On average, only 2% of the inhabitants of an emergency impacted area will be killed. It behooves all of us to be prepared for survival.
- Survival following an earthquake or other disaster will depend on personal preparedness, at least for the first 72 hours.
- The city has developed a plan for making community services available as quickly as possible following a disaster; however, actual case studies show that it will likely be at least 72 hours before emergency personnel can reach your location.
- Those who are CERT trained are much more likely to survive the first few hours following the calamity than those that have done nothing to prepare for themselves and their families.
- The creation of individualized 72 hour kits should include consideration of medications, in addition to the water, first aid supplies, animal care products, light and heat producing equipment

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CITY KICKS-OFF FEMA GRANT PROGRAM

Following its being named a recipient of a FEMA, NET Guard (National Emergency Technology Guard) Grant, Cottonwood Heights hosted a kickoff luncheon meeting for the Salt Lake County and Utah State leaders in IT and Emergency Planning. The meeting was held October 16 in the City's Council Chambers. The purpose for the meeting was to enable Cottonwood Heights to explain the parameters of its newly acquired communication grant, and to enlist volunteer help from the "best minds in the state" dealing with emergency communications needs and challenges in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

City Manager Liane Stillman explained that the grant was one of only four similar grants

given to cities across the country. Other grants went to Austin, TX; Chesapeake, VA; and Hamilton County, IN. She revealed what the city hoped to create using the \$80,000 grant in conjunction with man-hours and funds to be expended by the city and its employees and volunteers. She expressed great satisfaction that the "cream-of-the-crop" in emergency communication planning would respond to a request to provide observations and recommendations for the implementation of the Cottonwood Heights' NET Guard Project's mobile communication center.

Sergeant Chris Gebhardt, CHPD Administrative Sergeant and City IT Specialist, presented a power point outline of the city's

preliminary plans for the creation and implementation of a Mobile Technology Vehicle (MTV) to be used in emergencies and/or disasters that could occur in Cottonwood Heights or elsewhere in Salt Lake County and surrounding areas, even out of state if requested. He stated that the mission of this FEMA funded project is to: "Provide emergency, temporary reconstitution of IT and communications for government entities or those private entities providing essential services." He discussed the equipment and manpower needs of such a vehicle and its potential use in situations where communications have been disrupted and the Incident Commander and emergency personnel are not able

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Thanks to Volunteers Who Created Emergency Operations Center for City

A group of eight volunteers have been hard at work at the city offices over the past few months, creating an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). If needed, the EOC will be the location from which designated Incident Commanders will direct emergency services throughout the city of Cottonwood Heights in the event of an earthquake, severe snowstorm, or other disaster. The EOC includes communication capability provided by the volunteers through use of their HAM Operator Network.

In order to assure readiness, the volunteer group and numerous other HAM Operators located throughout the city, practice every Tuesday evening to be sure their equipment and frequencies are operational. If all phones, land-line and cell, and the Internet were disabled, the HAM Operators would still be able to communicate with radios located in various neighborhoods.

Those participating in the creation of the EOC were: Roger Kehr, Bob Fowler, Brett Jensen, Ed Hansen, Rob Kunz, Rex Estes, Carl Blanda and Carl Nelson. Thank you gentleman.

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to communicate. Sgt. Gebhardt said, "This MTV could travel to a given area, set up a self-contained communication unit adjacent to the Incident Commander's operation, and provide a means for those directing the rescue or mitigation efforts to communicate with one another until regular communications are back on-line. The unit could include WiFi Internet, cell phone, and radio communication capability, manned by knowledgeable volunteers."

Those in attendance included: Bob Craven, Utah Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security; Doug Reiner, LDS Church Emergency Planning Coordinator; Michael O. White, Emergency Operations Chief, Salt Lake County UFA; Beth Todd, Emergency

Preparation Coordinator, VECC; Gigi Smith, Police Operations Manager, VECC; Scott Wood, Sales Engineer, Verizon Wireless; Cory Sargent, Data Sales Manager, Verizon Wireless; Gary Hayes, Red Cross; Richard Jorgenson, Salt Lake County ARES; Roger Kehr, Cottonwood Heights Emergency Communication Coordinator; Bob Fowler, Cottonwood Heights Citizen Corps; Brett Jensen, Cottonwood Heights Emergency Communications Committee; Mike Mladejovsky, Cottonwood Heights Amateur Radio Operator; Rex Estes, Cottonwood Heights Emergency Communications Committee; city council members Scott Bracken and Don Antczak; and city staff personnel, Liane Stillman, Dave Muir, Lyn Feveryear, Kevin Sato, and Robert Warnick.

CHPD INCREASES STAFF / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

One in three women is the victim of a domestic violence assault during her adult years. In Utah, between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, 3,513 survivors of domestic violence received emergency shelter. These startling statistics caused authorities to designate the month of October, 2008, as Domestic Violence Awareness month, hoping to provide visibility for this horrendous crime that occurs many times each day throughout our state.

Recognizing that Domestic Violence is primarily a crime against women, CHPD has hired a woman to assist victims of physical, verbal, sexual, and psychological abuse. Chief Robby Russo announced the selection of Ms. Jenny Lewis as CHPD's new Crime Victim Advocate. Jenny began her employment with the city

early in October and will initially work part-time out of an office at CHPD.

Jenny's first assignment will be development of a program for Cottonwood Heights that will reach out to educate citizens regarding Domestic Abuse and inform victims of services available. She comes to CHPD from the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office where she was developing similar programs for Holladay City and for the Domestic Violence Court for the cities of Holladay and Cottonwood Heights.

Jenny is a 2005 graduate of the "U" with a Bachelor's Degree in both Mass Communications and Sociology. She is a Certified Criminologist and has completed an internship with the Salt Lake Drug Court. She also received an award from the University of Utah Sociology Department for her article titled, "Dimensions of

Spousal Homicide," published in the Department's Journal, *Social Dialogue*.

Jenny recently met with the City Council to discuss her new position. She explained to them that statistically, domestic violence survivors will leave and return to an abusive situation as many as seven times before leaving permanently. She also indicated that 21% of child abuse cases in Utah relate to Domestic Violence



Jenny Lewis



LEAF BAGS AVAILABLE

If your leaves haven't fallen yet they will soon, and the city has leaf bags to help you to dispose of them (sorry, you will have to rake the leaves and fill the bags yourselves). Free rolls of large, yellow bags are available for residents of Cottonwood Heights at the city offices, Whitmore Library, Fire Station 110 (Ft. Union Blvd.) and Fire Station 116 (Wasatch Blvd.). After filling the bags with leaves, they can be delivered to Bywater Park (3300 East Banbury Road (7420 South). Banbury Road runs east from 2700 East, across from the Recreation Center's Tennis Courts. The deadline for the county to pick-up the full bags is November 30, 2008.



NOVEMBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The November meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 4**
ELECTION DAY
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, Nov. 11**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, Nov. 18**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, Nov. 25**
NO COUNCIL MEETING

The Problem Has A Solution, But It's Up To You

In recent winters, the city has asked residents to remove cars from the streets immediately following snowstorms that deposit more than 2" of snow. Most residents of Cottonwood Heights are fully cooperative in this effort; some are not. With winter storms just days or weeks away, it's time to once again issue a plea for a cooperative effort this winter at keeping the streets as free of snow as possible.

Without referring to city ordinances or threatening car removal of those who do not comply with the law, let's consider for a moment the purpose of such rules and the results of not participating in the effort to keep our streets snow-free during the winter.

Anyone who has lived in Utah through a winter or two is well aware that the snow left on the streets due to the plows inability to remove it from the entire street (edge to edge) usually turns to ice. It then becomes a driving and walking hazard. In many instances it also blocks driveways and forces traffic into a single lane in the middle of the street. The difficulties presented by such a scenario are obvious.

When the snowplows can stay at the outer edges of the road, they can keep the entire street passable and prevent the problem of ice build-up and driveway blockage (you will have to take care of your own driveway). This year it is the city's hope that all residents will make extra effort to be part of the solution, not the problem.

When it snows more than two inches, day or night, please remove your car from the street immediately so the snowplows can get through and remove snow from the entire street. The solution is simple and effective, when everyone cooperates.



Time To Be Serious About Sub For Santa



Christmas will likely be less than seven weeks away at the time you are reading this article, and the CHPD sponsored Sub-for-Santa is in need of both donations and nominations for possible recipients. Individuals, groups and businesses are all encouraged to make donations so all of Cottonwood Heights' children can enjoy a Merry Christmas.

The immediate need is for donors to step up with cash, gifts, gift cards, etc. Those contributing should get their donation to Gina Talbot, Administrative Assistant

to Chief Robby Russo, at CHPD, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 100, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84047.

Recommendations for possible recipients and information on those families should also be dropped by or emailed to: gtalbot@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov. The fact that this year is a down year for the economy will enhance the need to find those who are suffering most and try to make the spirit of the season a part of their lives.

Annual Turkey-Day 5K Scheduled

If you missed the opportunity to beat the Mayor in a 5K last year, it's time to begin training to try this year (*word is that the Mayor has been working out and he plans to finish near the front*).

In keeping with tradition, the Thanksgiving Day Run (5K) will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27. It will begin at 9 a.m. at the Recreation Center (7500 South 2700 East). Participants will run/walk through residential neighborhoods surrounding the Recreation Center and return to the starting point after negotiating 3.1 miles.

Each participant will receive a commemorative long-sleeve race jersey. Ribbons will be given to everyone who beats the Mayor. There will also be awards to the overall first place male and female finishers as well as the first place male and female finishers who are residents of Cottonwood Heights. Ribbons will also be awarded to the top five finishers in each age group. Following the 5K there will be drawings for prizes at which all participants will have a chance to win.

Pre-race registration is now open at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center or on-line at www.cottonwoodheights.com or www.active.com. The fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 11 and under. On-line registration costs an additional \$5 per person. Registration deadline is 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 23. It will be possible to register late, between Monday, Nov. 24 and race day, at the Recreation Center and for an additional \$5 late fee. *There will be no on-line late registration.*

Last year there were an estimated 950 participants competing with Mayor Cullimore, and many received ribbons. The event is co-sponsored by Cottonwood Heights City, Granite Construction, Unified Fire Authority, and the Rec. Center.





UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY



Fire Chief - Don R. Berry

Chief Berry began his fire service career in 1975 and has served as Chief for the past 15 years. He has seen many changes over the years. The biggest change was the transition of Salt Lake County Fire to the Unified Fire Authority (UFA) in 2004. He serves on the Fire Chief's Alliance, VECC Trustee's Board, U.S.A.R. Executive Committee and several others.



Deputy Fire Chief - Michael H. Jensen

Deputy Chief Jensen started his fire service career in 1996. He has two Bachelor's degrees from the University of Utah in Economics and Political Science, and two Certificates in Public Administration and International Relations. Michael received the 2005 Harvard Fire Fellowship and has completed the course work for Executive Fire Officer. He also serves on the Salt Lake County Council for District 2.



Operations Division
Erik T. Sandstrom



Special Ops Division
Michael P. Watson



Fire Marshal
Max J. Berry



Chief Of Staff
Gaylord A. Scott Jr.

has been with UFA for seventeen years. He has worked as a Paramedic, Hazmat Technician, Station Captain, Battalion Chief and now as an Assistant Chief over Operations. He has program management experience with both the Hazmat Team and the Urban Search and Rescue Team. He has deployed with the Urban Search and Rescue Team to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ernesto.

is UFA's liaison with Cottonwood Heights. In the past 17 years, he has worked as a Paramedic, Hazmat Technician, Station Captain, wildland Bureau Coordinator and Battalion Chief. Currently, he is the Special Operations Division Assistant Chief and is responsible for the Logistics (facilities, fleet and warehouse), wildland Bureaus, and Utah Task Force 1, which is one of 28 federally-funded Urban Search and Rescue teams. He graduated from Utah Valley State College with a Fire Science degree in 1996.

began his career with Salt Lake County Fire, now UFA in 1974. He was promoted to Assistant Chief in 1993 and is currently the Fire Marshal over the Fire Prevention Division. Max also oversees Code Enforcement, Community Assistance, and Arson and Bomb Investigation.

serves as the Chief of Staff and as one of the four Assistant Chiefs for UFA. He oversees Safety, Human Resources, IT, Fire Training, Medical Training, and the Emergency Operations Division. He has a Masters Degree in Business Administration and International Management, a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, and just recently completed an exclusive summer program at Harvard for "Senior Executives in State and Local Government."

Station #110

Battalion 11A

Station #116

Captain Eric Staten

has been on the job since 1993. He worked on a truck company in Holladay as a firefighter for five years and was promoted to Engineer in 1998. He has been active with the Engineer Committee, Engineer testing, Policy Committee, and Technical Rescue Technician program. He was promoted to Captain and assigned to the Heavy Rescue program. Eric is currently active with Utah Task Force One, serving as a CDL driver and Logistician.



Battalion Chief Jeffery Johnson

became a Firefighter in 1977, following in his father and older brother's footsteps. He worked his way up to Chief Officer. He is currently in charge of the East Battalion on A platoon which includes Cottonwood Heights. He also works part-time dispatching and call-taking in the 911 center at VECC.



Captain Jay Torgersen

was hired by Salt Lake County Fire Department, now UFA, twelve years ago. During his career he has been involved with wildland Fire, Paramedic Services, Public Education, Public Affairs, and Adjutant to the Chief. He currently works as a Captain at fire station 116. Jay also works for the University of Utah as a Flight Paramedic with AirMed.



Firefighter Robert Marriott

has been working for UFA since 2002. The first 5 years were spent as a seasonal wildland firefighter, spending his summers hiking and seeing some amazing places around the West. In 2007 he became a structure firefighter at Station 110 where he has been for the last year and a half. He is also a member of Utah Task Force One, serving as a rescue specialist.



Paramedic Bret Morley

has been with UFA since 2002. He started working on the Heavy Rescue in Cottonwood Heights three years ago. He also has functioned as a paramedic for the last four years. He works as a rescue specialist with the Urban Search and Rescue team.



Engineer Eric Johnson

has been with UFA for 13 years, ten of those years as an engineer. Eric is involved with the Fitness Committee and is a certified fitness trainer. He is working on the development of the UFA's Critical Incident Stress Management Team and is also pursuing a degree in Fire Science.



Firefighter Paul Story

is a 29-year-old native of Stowe, Vermont. He moved to Salt Lake City in 1998 after convincing his parents that the move was to pursue a university education. After four years of enjoying the Greatest Snow on Earth, he graduated with a BA in English. Paul recently completed his sixth year of wildland firefighting with UFA, and has been a structure firefighter for a number of years.



Paramedic Oscar Ward

began his career in 2001 as a Paramedic with another fire department in the Salt Lake Valley. He has been with UFA for two years. Oscar has been with the Heavy Rescue Company for one year. He is also a member of the Urban Search and Rescue team.



Engineer Michael Albee

has been on the job since 2002, he started his career with Ogden City Fire until he was offered a job with Salt Lake County, now UFA. He spent his first six months roving from station to station and then took a bid at Taylorsville 117. In 2003 he was promoted to Engineer and assigned to the Heavy Rescue program. He is an active member of Utah Task Force One where he serves as a Heavy Rescue Specialist. He also works for Riverdale Fire Department part-time, and has an active role with Weber County Heavy Rescue.



Paramedic Stuart Wallace

was hired in 1992 by Salt Lake County Fire Department, now UFA, to work as a seasonal wildland firefighter and was moved to full time status as a structural firefighter that fall. He attended paramedic school in 1993-1994 and has worked at various stations as a firefighter/paramedic. He also runs a first-aid and CPR training business with his wife.



Paramedic Kurt Berge

is working at UFA Station 116. He has been a firefighter/paramedic with UFA for three years. He has also worked as an ambulance technician and on wildland fire engines for the State of Utah. Kurt lives in Santaquin, Utah where he also serves that community as a structure firefighter. Kurt is pursuing a wildland Firefighter Certifications, taking him to fire assignments in Oregon, California and many parts of Utah



Captain Matt Hambleton

has been a firefighter since 1996. He was promoted to paramedic in 1998, Heavy Rescue specialist in 2003, and Captain in 2006. He has worked in Cottonwood Heights since 2003.



Battalion Chief Jim Bacon

hired with Salt Lake County Fire on February 1, 1983 and was promoted though the ranks from Firefighter to Battalion Chief. He is Chairman of the Utah Firefighter Certification Council, member of the Park City Fire Service District Control Board, and works part-time as a flight paramedic with Air Med at the University of Utah.



Captain George L. Painter

began working as a firefighter in 1983. He certified as a paramedic in 1988 and was promoted to Captain in 1993. He has served in Cottonwood Heights at UFA Station 116 since 2001.



Heavy Rescue Specialist Travis Hobbs started working as a wildland firefighter in 2000. He was hired as a structure firefighter in 2002. He promoted to Heavy Rescue Technician in 2005 and has worked in Cottonwood Heights for most of his career.



Paramedic Keith Plagemann hired with Salt Lake County Fire, now UFA, in 2001. He was promoted to paramedic in 2005 and has been a Heavy Rescue Technician since 2006.



Engineer Chris J. Cage has been a firefighter since 1985, certified as a paramedic in 1991 and was promoted to Engineer in 1994. He has served in Cottonwood Heights at UFA Station 116 since August 2000.



Paramedic Terry Price has been a firefighter since 2004 and certified as a paramedic in 1998. He has served in Cottonwood Heights at UFA Station 116 since 2000.



Paramedic Jubal Perez was hired in 2002 as a Paramedic. He was promoted to Heavy Rescue Technician in 2006.



Engineer Matt Rhoades has been a firefighter since 2003. He was promoted to heavy rescue technician and engineer in 2008.



Paramedic Sherman C. Taylor began his career as a firefighter in 1985 and certified as a paramedic in 1995. He has served in Cottonwood Heights at UFA station 116 since 2003.

Captain Craig Outzen

is currently working in his 13th year of service with UFA. He has served the department as a firefighter, paramedic, Medical Training specialist, and Fire Training Captain. He is also a member of Utah Task Force One, serving as a Medical Specialist, Rescue Specialist, and Heavy Rigging Specialist. He supervises four skilled Heavy Rescue Technicians at Station 110 in Cottonwood Heights.



Battalion Chief David Lehnhof

has been involved in Fire and Emergency Services since 1971 and has been a firefighter for over 34 years. He was one of the first EMT's and Paramedics in the State of Utah and coordinated the Paramedic program for ten years. David has also served as a Special Projects Manager, Communications Director, Health and Safety Officer and station Captain. He has been a Battalion Chief since 1996. David has held adjunct staff positions for four colleges and universities and has been an Instructor and Course Developer for the National Fire Academy for over 20 years.



Captain Tony Lewis

has been working as a firefighter for 19 years. He has served as a paramedic, engineer, and now is a Captain. He earned a degree in Fire Science, and has served his community as a fire inspector, C.P.R. and C.E.R.T. instructor, and medical specialist with the Urban Search & Rescue Team.



Steve Lawrence

has been with the UFA for six years. Three of those years have been with the Heavy Rescue program in Cottonwood Heights. He's responsible for driving the fire apparatus. He is also a member of Utah Task Force One serving as a Rescue Specialist. Steve implemented the Disaster Recovery Kits for families who have been displaced from their homes after a fire.



Mike Jemmett

has been with UFA for four years. He served as a seasonal wildland firefighter for two years before he became a structure firefighter. He has served as a Specialist with the Hazmat team for two years. He earned his Heavy Rescue Technician Certification one year ago and has been serving in Cottonwood Heights at Station 110.



Paramedic Sam Carpenter

started his career in 1989 as a firefighter in southern California. After obtaining both a Business and a Fire Science degree, he secured a position in the L.A. area. He also served as a member of their Urban Search and Technical Rescue Team. In 1994 Sam moved to Utah. He is currently serving as a firefighter/paramedic at Station 116 on Wasatch Boulevard.



Engineer David Rhoades

started his career in firefighting twenty-four years ago. He is an emergency medical technician as well as an engineer for UFA.



Merrill Bone

has been a professional Firefighter/Paramedic for 25 years and has served with UFA for the past two years in the Heavy Rescue program. He is an active member of Utah Task Force One serving as the Medical Coordinator. Merrill is assigned to FEMA's National Medical Working Group.



Matt Anderson

has been a firefighter for six years. He graduated from paramedic school four years ago and has been working at station 110 as a Heavy Rescue Medic for three and a half years. He is a member of Utah Task Force One and serves as a Medical/Rescue specialist. He has been a resident of Cottonwood Heights for over three years.



Paramedic Frank Hecker

has been a firefighter for 11 years, serving as a paramedic for ten years. He served on UFA's Medical Committee for seven years, is a member of the Fitness Committee and mentors new paramedics.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Big Cottonwood Trail First Phase Almost 50% Complete October 24, 2008



The first phase of the Big Cottonwood Trail is almost 50% complete. The trail will extend from under I-215 to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in Big Cottonwood Canyon. It will provide a paved multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path that meanders next to the Big Cottonwood Creek. The first phase snakes through the Old Mill Corporate Center and behind Market Street Grill. The contractor, Newman Construction, is completing the first phase of the retaining wall and will be installing a bridge that crosses the Big Cottonwood Creek. The trail will run along the Creek and be obscured by the native trees and vegetation.

The trailhead begins next to the Big Cottonwood Creek on the border of Cottonwood Heights and Holladay City beneath I-215. This first phase will end at 3000 East and Cottonwood Parkway (6515 South). A new pedestrian crossing will be added at the signal which will include pedestrian actuated counters, bright striping, and ADA ramps. In future phases, it is

envisioned to construct a crossing beneath 3000 East so that trail users do not have to manage traffic during their trail experience.

The trail is ten feet wide with an asphalt surface to accommodate joggers, walkers, strollers and bicycles. The land for the trail is crossing private property owned by the Old Mill Corporate Center and Gastronomy (Market Street Grill). These companies have generously donated the land to construct the trail.

City Manager Liane Stillman stated, “I envision an urban trail that remains nestled between the Creek and the natural vegetation in the area. Preserving the natural vegetation and making the trail as natural as possible is very important.” Furthermore, she stressed that Cottonwood Heights has received grants from County ZAP funding, the Utah State Division of Natural Resources, and UDOT. The trail will serve as a regional connection between the valley and the canyons.

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is the land use authority for Cottonwood Heights. It was created pursuant to state statute and city code. The Commission consists of seven members and two alternates who are appointed by the City Manager, with advice and consent of the City Council, for three-year terms. The Commission is made up of residents from the various council districts of the city. The current Commission includes: lawyers, engineers, accountants, realtors, small business owners and a professional land-use planner. They have over forty years combined experience on planning commissions and community councils.

The Commission makes recommendations to the City Council on applications for changes in the Master Plan and requests for zone changes. The final decision on such applications, however, rests with the City Council which may adopt, reject or modify the Planning Commission’s recommendation. The Commission also grants or denies conditional

use applications without review by the City Council. All land use decisions, either by the City Council or the Planning Commission, may be appealed to the Board of Adjustment.

Prior to incorporation, the elected Cottonwood Heights Community Council reviewed land use applications and made recommendations to the County Planning Commission. The Community Council had no support staff or professional planners; its role was strictly advisory to the County Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission makes decisions based on its view of what is best for the community as a whole. It is not a tool of the developers; neither is it an advocate for the citizens; rather, it is a neutral body that is mandated to make decisions on land use issues that arise in the community. It cannot be arbitrary. It must follow the law and find a factual basis for its decisions. State statutes and case law at times limit the discretion of the planning commissioners.

Fort Union Boulevard Roadblocks to Construction

October 24, 2008

Fort Union Boulevard is ready for reconstruction. The road-base is failing and there are rutting and alligator cracks. The city had planned to reconstruct the roadway this summer with a new process called Full Depth Reclamation (FDR), a fast method to reconstruct a road that minimizes impact to traffic and local businesses.

This road reconstruction has faced a series of roadblocks of its own. First, asphalt prices have risen sharply. Second, the region’s major oil emulsion supplier, SEM Group LLP, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, disrupting the supply of emulsion. Third, in light of the current economic turmoil, it has been difficult to secure the bonds authorized by HB242. to finance projects such as the Fort Union reconstruction. We are optimistic that the bond market will return to some state of normalcy soon, and we will receive \$1 million funding and be able to start construction this spring. In the meantime, the County crews, with whom the city contracts for road maintenance, are ready to repair potholes after snowstorms and keep the road in drivable condition through the winter.

“Karing for Utah Kids” to host Saturday with Santa

Save the date of Saturday, Dec. 13, from noon to 4 p.m., to meet with Santa at the Wentworth Assisted Living Center in Cottonwood Heights. Festivities will include: photos with Santa, toy and gift giveaways, interacting with seniors living at center, fund raising events, etc., all aimed at having fun while raising funds for kids to help fight Cancer, Diabetes, and Trauma. More information next month and at www.utahkids.org.

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What you always wanted to know about General Plans, but ...

A General Plan is a document cities use to anticipate and plan for future development. One of the most important parts of the plan is a map that designates city approved land uses. The land-use map indicates those land uses the city feels will be best for each area of the city. Cottonwood Heights' General Plan was developed by elected officials, staff, and citizens, in a series of public meetings, during the first few months after incorporation of the city in 2005.

How does a General Plan differ from a Zoning Map?

Zoning codes and maps are created to define and regulate specific allowed uses. Zones establish the rules for the current land use. A General Plan sets the expectation for future land use. For example: the city might anticipate that the properties along one particular residential block may be desirable for office or retail space. The General Plan could be changed to a Residential Office designation, while zoning remains the same. In time, if the owner chooses, the lot could be proposed for rezoning. It is important to note that any zone change has to fit the underlying General Plan designation.

How is the General Plan changed?

Because the General Plan is a guide to future development, the city takes any request for a change to the plan very seriously. The Planning Commission holds a public hearing to listen to requests and take citizen input. They recommend to the City Council for or against a change. The City Council then hears the request, considers all the information and arguments, and makes a decision.

Where can one find the General Plan?

The General Plan for Cottonwood Heights can be found at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov in the Planning and Zoning section.

GIS and Disaster Management

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How does one prepare for an emergency situation or a catastrophic event like a toxic gas leak, wild fire, or an earthquake? How do government agencies plan their responses to such situations? A Geographic Information System (GIS) can be a valuable tool in support of the creation of these plans. With a GIS you can model different disaster scenarios, both hypothetical prior to an event and in real time during an event, manage infrastructure, and distribute assets.

Following are two scenario examples:

1) A major chlorine leak has just occurred at a local water purification plant. As part of the city's disaster recovery plan the city GIS Analyst has prepared an ALOHA/CAMEO (Aerial Locations Of Hazardous Atmospheres/Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations) GIS model to determine the effects of this leak. The Analyst quickly enters the data about the leak: amount, concentration, and location, and runs the model. The model uses real time wind and weather data from an Internet service and quickly calculates rates of release of chlorine from the tank over time and determines the threat zone, and strength graphs. See figure 1 below.

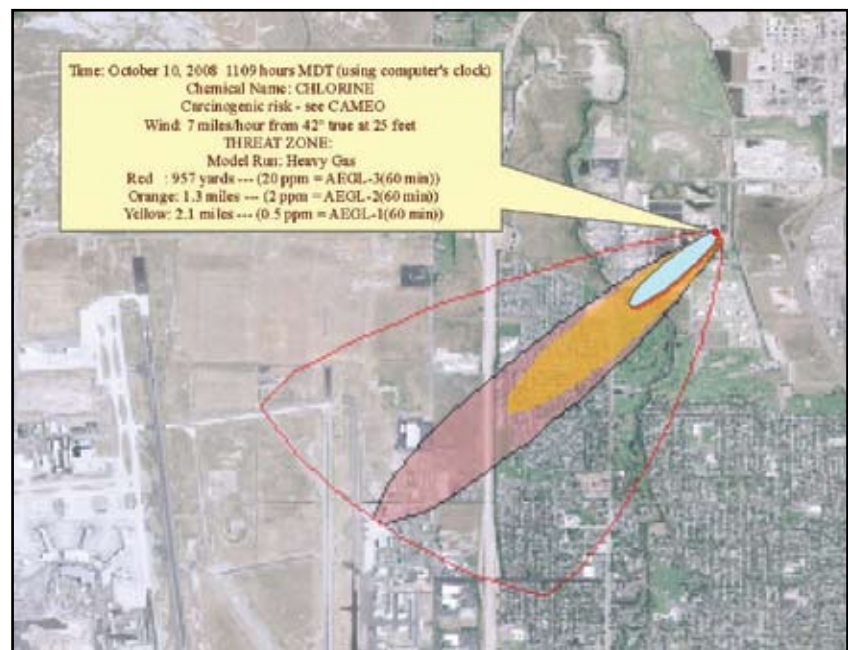


Figure 1

The model results can then be imported into the city GIS where the Analyst can quickly create a situation map and report indicating which addresses lie within the effected area and need to be evacuated, where road blocks need to be set up to restrict access into the effected areas, the number of potential victims that may require medical attention, and where triage areas can be safely located for treatment and decontamination.

2) The area has just been hit with a 6.8 magnitude earthquake. There is serious damage to infrastructure throughout the city and surrounding areas. At the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) a GIS Analyst and EOC Manager reviews the results of a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) HAZUS (HAZards United States) model for an equivalent earthquake event. The model uses national and local infrastructure, demographic, and geologic GIS data to estimate ground shaking and ground failure, casualties, damage to structures and essential facilities, debris quantities, repair costs, and costs associated with loss of function or business revenues. This kind of information was also used prior to the event to help create scenarios to develop emergency operation, hazard mitigation, and risk assessment plans.

After the event, field data collected by various public safety and public works personnel can be input into the GIS to quickly update and produce situation maps and reports to help with EOC operations. Information from the HAZUS model on asset values, estimated loss of assets, and loss of function revenues can be used to support applications to receive Federal assistance funding and the allocation of state and federal resources. Other GIS models can be used to isolate contaminated water supplies (wells or reservoirs) that were damaged during the earthquake or to determine areas that are no longer served because of utility system failures like broken water mains or downed power lines.

Geographic Information System can be a very powerful and useful tool to help communities prepare for, survive, and recover from disasters.



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and supplies, along with food and toiletry needs, etc.

- An emergency plan, worked out by families for their unique needs, should be written and rehearsed so that children, dependent adults, pets, and heads of households are all accounted for.
- It isn't just earthquakes that are a threat to our lives and well-being. Many can remember the power outages of a few years ago when some were without power for many days, even weeks. Severe snowstorms can result in such emergencies any winter.

- Fortunately, most disasters are not large, as are major hurricanes, landslides, floods, earthquakes, etc.; but even the small emergencies are major if they impact your families.
- Some think, "It will never happen to me." How much better it would be if we prepared and didn't need it, rather than wish we had it when it does happen.

It is gratifying to see the substantial progress we have made. Of course, emergency planning will always be a work in progress in the city, as well as in our homes.

PUBLIC WORKS for November

- Construction of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail is continuing (see the more detailed article and photo on page 6 of this paper).
- Snow removal challenges will soon be upon us, probably beginning in November. Please comply with city ordinances and remove your vehicles from the streets following snow storms (see article on page 3 of this paper).
- In planning ahead for 2009, there will be some landscaping enhancements along Highland Drive at 6600 South. The irrigation system for the trees on Highland Drive will be repaired as part of this project.
- The Fort Union pavement project is discussed in detail on page 6 of this paper.
- Various signal upgrades are being planned, including a new timing study for Fort Union Blvd. The timing study should enable the city to improve traffic flow on Fort Union. Improvements to various school crossings and new warning lights at Fire Stations 110 (Fort Union) and 116 (Wasatch Blvd.) are in the works.



Historical Committee Hard at Work

The nine member Cottonwood Heights Historical Committee was organized by the city council on October 30, 2007, with Kevin C. Cromar as chair, M. Tom Shimizu as vice-chair, and Sylvia Orton as secretary. Councilman Don Antczak provides liaison with the city council. The other members of the committee are Dr. Ronald G. Coleman, Melt Stelter, Gayle Conger, Jerri A. Harwell, Karen Forbush Larrabee and Vaughn Butler. Vaughn Butler was recently appointed to replace David Hales who moved from the city.

Kevin Cromar is a family and local historian, a member of the new Canyons School Board, and a former state legislator. He has written a book on the 365 people buried at Winter Quarters.

M. Tom Shimizu, a former Salt Lake County Commissioner, has a long history of family members as residents of Cottonwood Heights and represents the Japanese heritage of the city.

Dr. Ronald G. Coleman is a member of the Department of History at the University of Utah and a member of the Utah State Board of History.

Sylvia Orton and Gayle Conger are sisters. They are descendants of the Alvin Washington Green family and the Danish Town families who lived on historic Danish Road. Historically, the Green family is one of the largest Butlerville families; the well-known character, Molly Green, is part of this family. Gayle lives in the historic Alvin Reuben and Annie Green home on Danish Road. This home was placed on the National Historic Register of Historic Places in recognition of its

architectural and historical significance in April 2000. The only other site located in the city on the National Historic Register is the Old Mill.

A former Salt Lake County Surveyor, Vaughn Butler is a direct descendant of Leander Butler; one of the six original Butler family brothers and pioneer founders of Butlerville.

Melt Stelter, a long-time resident of Union, was a history teacher for many years at Evergreen Jr. High School and author of *Chris Lane: A "Bit" O' History*, a history of the Union area of the city known historically as "poverty flats."

Jerri A. Harwell is a former member of the Community Council and is well-known for her portrayal of Jane Manning, a Latter-day Saint African-American pioneer.

Karen Forbush Larrabee, a family history specialist, is a direct descendant of Rufus Forbush who contributed the land for the Union Pioneer Cemetery, now part of Cottonwood Heights City. Many of the prominent early citizens of Union are buried there.

The Cottonwood Heights, Historical Committee already has made important historical discoveries, including a significant African-American heritage in the heart of the city. In the 1870's Daniel Freeman, the first African-American born in the Utah Territory, was the original homestead owner of much of the land in the heart of Cottonwood Heights, including the land later owned by Melt Stelter's family on Chris Lane, the Charles Frank Boyce property going from Highland Drive up Butler Hill, and the property owned by Councilman Don Antczak's

grandfather, John Antzak, on 2300 East. Daniel Freeman, along with other early Utah African-American pioneers, Green Flake and Hark Wales, also owned several mining claims in Big Cottonwood Canyon Mining District including the Union Blue Lode, the Wales Lode, and the O.K. Lode.

The historical committee provides the historical displays for the July 24th Butlerville Days. They presented a historical display at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon for the first annual Butlerville Days family bike ride in 2007. For this year's Butlerville Days bike ride, they manned historical photo exhibits at the Butler School Bell Tower and Old Mill. The historical committee also had two exhibits at Butler Park—one on the children of Cottonwood Heights with childhood photos of early pioneer and current residents and one on the wrestling history of Cottonwood Heights with wrestling photos of Delbert Kunkel or Dynamite Del (*lightweight wrestling champion of the world in the 1930's from Butlerville*) and Nephi Howcroft

(*champion wrestler in Utah in the 1890's from Union*).

The historical committee has conducted several oral history interviews with old-time residents of Cottonwood Heights. They have also conducted oral history interviews with veterans of World War II and the Korean War and plan to create a veteran's memorial for the city. They recently received an oral history grant from the Utah Humanities Council and the Utah State Historical Society. They plan to create a walking history tour of Cottonwood Heights. They are documenting the water history of the area from the records of the Brown and Sanford, and the Big Willow Irrigation Companies. Ultimately, a history of Cottonwood Heights will be compiled from the photos and history the committee is gathering. Collaborative efforts will be made by the committee with the historical committees of Holladay and Sandy. The Cottonwood Heights historical committee is working to preserve the Old Mill.



Photo: L-R Jerri A. Harwell, Councilman Don Antczak, Gayle Conger, Dr. Ronald G. Coleman, Sylvia Orton, Chairman Kevin C. Cromar, M. Tom Shimizu, Karen Forbush Larrabee, Melt Stelter, and Vaughn Butler